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CHANGE IN THE PAPER.

Our readers will observe that we have made a few changes in the paper, both in mechanical and literary make-up. The first page is given to Editorial Briefs. Notes and Comments is not a new department, but treated in a new way. It is found on page 11. Queries and Answers is now a standing department and will appear regularly each week. We do not promise to answer all kinds of questions in this department, but earnest seekers after truth will be given special attention in this department. Answers to these questions are not debatable. If, in your judgment, questions are not properly answered, write us and the matter will be considered, but no controversy through the paper. Any passage of Scripture on which you desire light, will be explained in this department. The Sunday-school, also will be a regular department. Methods of Sunday-school work will be discussed. Brother Yoder contributes the first article to this department in this issue, on page 15. The most important change however is the change in type for several departments. Personals, Notes and Comments, Children's letters, Queries, Items of Interest, Literary Notes and Quotations, are set in brevier, a smaller type, but very clear and beautiful. This adds at least one extra page of matter, without any additional cost to the Publication Board. We shall trust to our people that these efforts to improve the paper will be appreciated.

WHO IS TO BLAME.

Sister Grossnickle in her letter to the Endeavors says: "We regret that the Conference report contained only about three words relative to the S. S. C. E." Upon reading this statement we tried to persuade ourselves that Sister Grossnickle is speaking figuratively, taking the expression, "about three words," to mean that very little was said. The Conference report, however, shows that the statement

is *literally* true, as well as figuratively. Here are the "about three words:" Sister's Society Program. Why was not the Sister's session reported? Whose duty was it to make the report? It all depends upon who had charge of the session. If the Conference organization had charge, then the Conference Secretary should have made the report. If the Sister's organization had charge of the session, then the Secretary of the Society should have made the report. The fault is not with the EVANGELIST, for in our review, we were impartial, giving them a favorable notice of their work.

The Sister's Society has a very efficient President and Secretary—can they not furnish us a full report for publication, such as they deserve? We regard the Sister's Society as one of the most important organizations of the church and have never failed to encourage it in every way possible. It was the duty, either of Conference Secretary or the Society's Secretary, to make the report—whose was it? Let the report be made now so that the work may be correctly reported in the forthcoming Annual.

READ THIS.

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THE LORD HATH NEED OF HIM.

This is what the disciples of Jesus were to tell the owner of the colt in case he questioned their right to loose him and take him away. The only argument they could offer against the owner's remonstrance was the "Thus saith the Lord." So the Lord's disciples are now sent out with only the Word of God. Nothing else they bring in their hand. It is the plain, simple Gospel of Jesus, but this Gospel is declared by the Apostle Paul to be the power of God unto salvation to them that believe. It is more powerful than a two-edged sword. If the preachers asked by whose authority he demands the entire surrender of self to the service of God, his only reply is "The Lord hath so

said." If the people demand to know why he asks for their gold and silver, his only reply is, "The Lord hath need of them." If indeed the Lord can make use of a colt, how much more can he use us in his service. He needs our gold, our silver, our talent, whatever it may be, however weak and humble the means, the Lord can use them to his honor and glory. The God who redeemed us demands our entire surrender to him and his service. Oh, for a more thorough consecration to the service of the blessed Master.

REVIVAL WORK.

The season for revival work is at hand, though in a former editorial we called attention to the fact that the revival season begins with the first of the year and ends with the close of the year. In other words the church should be in a continual state of revival. For some reason however, the winter seems to be specially suited to revival work in the Brethren Church. Reports of conversions are already coming in. Several successful revival meetings are in operation, while others are announced to begin later. There is an awakening all along the line, and from present indications we have reasons to look for great results. Earnest effort and prayer, and the preaching of the Gospel in its simplicity will bring about the desired result. Let there be a more thorough consecration to the service of the Master, on the part of each member of the church. *Consecration and concentration* are the keys to success in the work of the Lord.

There is only one real failure in life possible; and that is not to be true to the best one knows.—*Canon Farrar.*

Personal Mention.

Brother J. F. Koontz reports two accessions by baptism.

Brother Zed H. Copp is doing good work in the Hagerstown, Md., congregation.

Brother J. O. Talley reports one accession at the Bethlehem Church, near Milledgeville, Ill.

Brother J. B. Wampler reports one accession by baptism at the Glade Run Communion Service.

Brother J. L. Gillin writes a very pointed letter to the members of the Illiokota Conference. Read it.

Brother E. H. Smith is a very busy pastor, having eight regular appointments. He reports eight accessions.

Brother William Kieffer, of Pleasant Home,